

*Announcing*  
**Public Information Workshop**  
**for**  
**Sand Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project**  
**Newton, Kansas**  
*In compliance with*  
**The National Environmental Policy Act**

**Thursday, August 29, 2002**  
**McKinley Administrative Center**  
**308 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Newton, KS**  
**Open House Format: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Purpose:** (1) To inform the public of the on going U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) feasibility study; and (2) Solicit comments and questions about the proposed plan for restoring the Sand Creek ecosystem.

The USACE and the City of Newton have developed a proposed plan for the Sand Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project under Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986. The project would focus on implementing ecosystem restoration measures for areas along Sand Creek located between East 16<sup>th</sup> Street and West 1<sup>st</sup> Street and also in an area south of West 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Proposed measures include tree and grass plantings to restore the riparian corridor along the stream, trails, and constructed wetlands. The study includes the evaluation of alternatives and their environmental impacts, and is conducted in compliance with the Nation Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

In accordance with NEPA and implementing guidance contained in 40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1501.7, the USACE is requesting any comments, questions, or concerns that the public, interested parties, and Federal, State, or local agencies may have concerning the proposed project. Any comments or questions concerning the proposed action may be directed to:

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